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REMARKS

Amendments have been made to the claims as previously amended under Article 34 in reply to the Written Opinion. The amendments have been made to place the claims in better condition for examination in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

The specification has been amended to recite the prior U.S. applications, International Application and priority application. The word "CLAIMS" has been deleted and substituted by "WHAT IS CLAIMED IS" so that subsequently appearing claims will be the object of a sentence as specified by M.P.E.P. section 608.01(m). As a result of this preliminary amendment, Claims 29 and 31 have been cancelled and Claims 1-8, 10-14, 17-26, 30, and 32 have been amended. Accordingly, Claims 1-28, 30, and 32 are presented for examination. No new matter is being added herewith.

Abstract

An Abstract on a separate sheet is included herewith.

Conclusion

Should there be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned agent at the telephone number appearing below. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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